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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have completed another show year and judging by the number of exhibitors, the amount of bloom, and the public attendance, this was the best year for the American Hibiscus Society.

Shows are our most important activity, where we spread the word of Hibiscus and the AHS and give the public something to remember during the winter. All of the shows were fine and I would not attempt to pick the best one, or to rate one over the other. However, I think all our members will join with me in congratulating two chapters, the Bruce Parnell Chapter in Miami for staging its first show and the Sunset Chapter in St. Petersburg, which undaunted by hurricane "Gladys" put on its show on schedule. The Society membership displayed a fine spirit of co-operation and helpfulness in making these two shows the fine success they were.

Now the show season is over do not lose interest in AHS affairs. In addition to making plans and preparations to protect our plants during the winter, let's everyone give some thought as to how we can make the American Hibiscus Society a bigger and more effective organization. Any and all suggestions will be welcome. Please put any thoughts you have in writing and send them to me.

Since this will be the last Seed Pod before the Holiday Season I take this opportunity to sincerely wish every member and his or her family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lee Trainor